

PARTNERS IN CARE

Oahu's Continuum of Care

Our mission is to eliminate homelessness through open and inclusive participation and the coordination of integrated responses.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF ISSUANCE OF PERMIT AT PIER 19 AND 20, (Item #15 on Agenda)

To: Suzanne Chase, Director, Department of Land and Natural Resources
Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources
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From: Laura E. Thielen, Partners In Care (PIC)

Hearing: June 10, 2021, 9:00 A.M.

Position: **Strong Support**

RE: Issuance of a Gratis Right-of-Entry and Revocable Permit to Partners In Care for Temporary Storage of furniture and furnishing in support of a Rapid Re-Housing Program for Individuals and Families experiencing homelessness due to Covid-19 at the unimproved gravel lot, Piers 19 and 20, Honolulu Harbor, Island of Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 1-5-039: Portion of 015, Governor's Executive order No. 2903

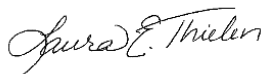
Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

Partners In Care (PIC), Oahu's Continuum of Care, is working with the City and County of Honolulu, Family Promise Hawaii, Alternative Structures International and Housing Solutions Inc. on an innovative new Rapid Re-housing project that intends to house more than 300 households over the next several months. Through this program, households will move from homelessness into housing throughout the island and have 12 months worth of rental assistance and case management. Along with locating landlords and moving tenants into housing, the project is working with multiple agencies and community groups to make these units a home for our families. This includes finding beds, furniture and household items for the more than 500 individuals we look to house. We have created a partnership with many groups including the Aulani Resort which is in the process of remodeling it's hotel rooms. They have agreed to donate many of the items we will need for our families, including beds and furniture. There will be several very large donations made over the next several months which require a large space that is accessible to all of Oahu.

Storage is one of our greatest needs right now and this will make a huge difference for our program. A single, centralized storage space will allow the collection and distribution of items to be streamlined and more accessible. We have requested assistance from the Akana Trucking Foundation and Young Brothers to donate and deliver shipping containers to the gravel lot located at Piers 19 and 20 at Honolulu Harbor.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Aloha,



Laura E. Thielen
Executive Director, Partners In Care